

BALTIMORE CITY - COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-3944

AREA: Barclay

MAGI NO.: 0439445611

ADDRESS: 300 East 21st Street
CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: LOT:

HEIGHT: 3

CONDITION: Fair

LOT SIZE:

MATERIALS: Brick & formstone

OWNER:

ADDRESS:

USE: Vacant store

ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO:

HISTORIC NAME:

DATE: Ca. 1890

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

This is a three-story brick corner building entirely covered with formstone, leaving two entrances on the south elevation and a single elevation in a three-sided bay which rises the full height of the building on the west elevation. The building is located on the northeast corner of East 21st Street and Guilford Avenue and was built about 1890. A series of major alterations apparently began about 1920 resulting in the formstone covering and the blocking off of all ground floor openings. The south elevation has two entrances at different levels. One entrance is reached via a concrete stoop and has a modern unpaneled door with a rectangular transom. The other entrance is not original and has a steel security door at the sidewalk level. An air conditioning unit protrudes from the wall above the ground floor entrance. The second story windows are boarded and are segmentally arched. The third story windows are entirely covered by formstone. The west elevation is dominated by a three-sided projecting bay rising the full three stories. On the street level of the bay is an entrance with a boarded doorway. All other openings on the first and third stories are covered by formstone. The second story openings are boarded.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture

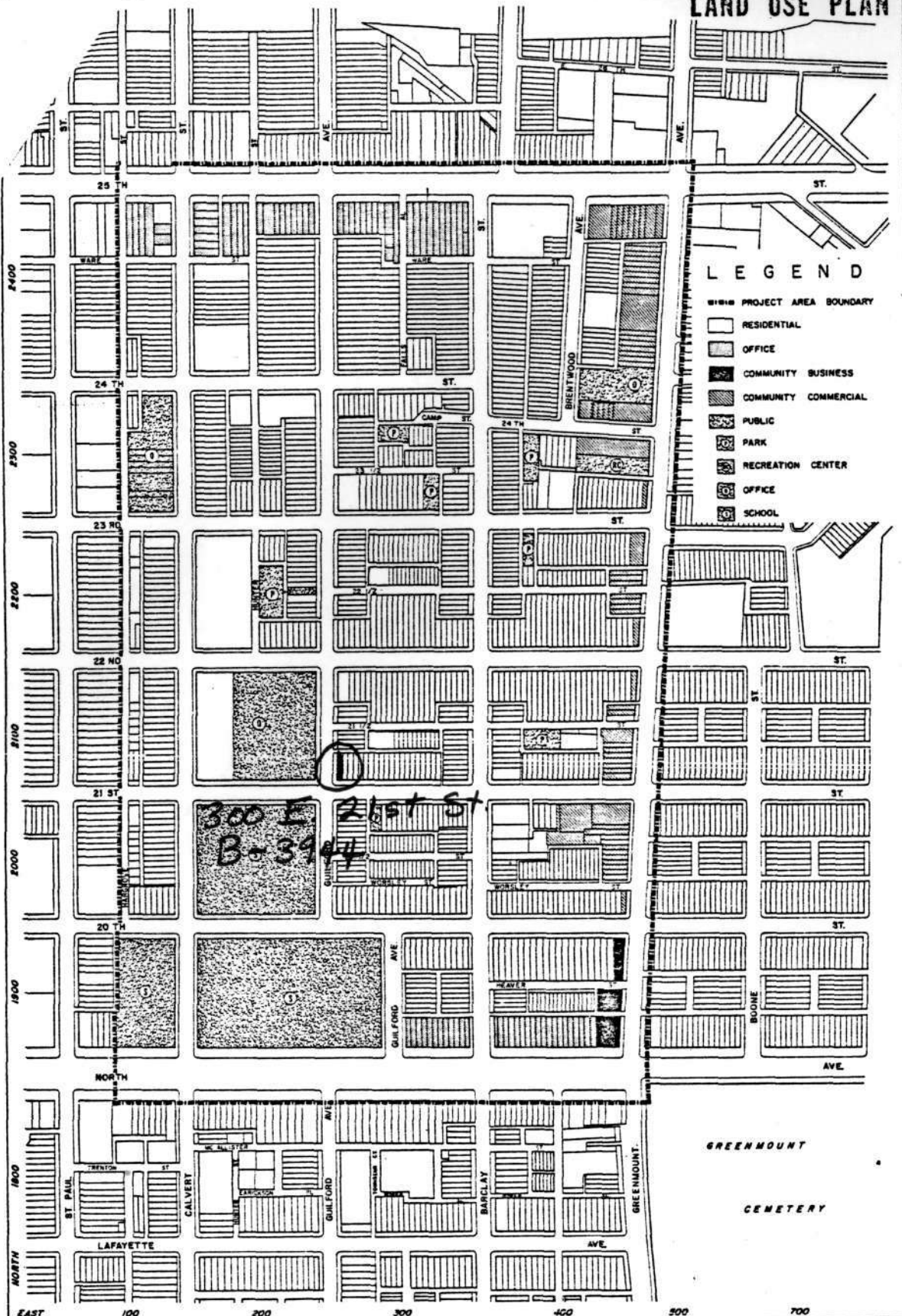
LEVEL: Local

No. 300 East 21st Street is a contributing, although substantially altered, structure in an undefined historic district located east and south of the Charles Village/Abell National Register Historic District. This area, dating from about 1885-1890, features a variety of small scale rowhouses with decorative brickmasonry, stone veneers, and arched windows. The corner houses often were built for combined commercial and residential use, but 300 East 21st Street was most probably a residence converted to commercial use in the late 1920's. In 1929, it was in combined use with a confectionary store on the first floor. By 1936, the candy store was joined by a liquor store and just prior to World War II, Kleiman's Restaurant was listed in the city directories. From the late 1950's to the present, the building has had several periods of vacancy, interspersed with commercial occupants, the latest being a tavern. Although the application of the formstone and the alteration in window and door openings has greatly altered the exterior appearance, the original fenestration, entrance, and cornice may be restorable.

SOURCES: Bromley's Atlas (1896); Topo Survey Commission Map (1914); Sanborn's (1914)
SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet L. Davis, CHAP, December 1986

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LAND USE PLAN



BARCLAY

PLANNING DIVISION



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



LAND USE PLAN

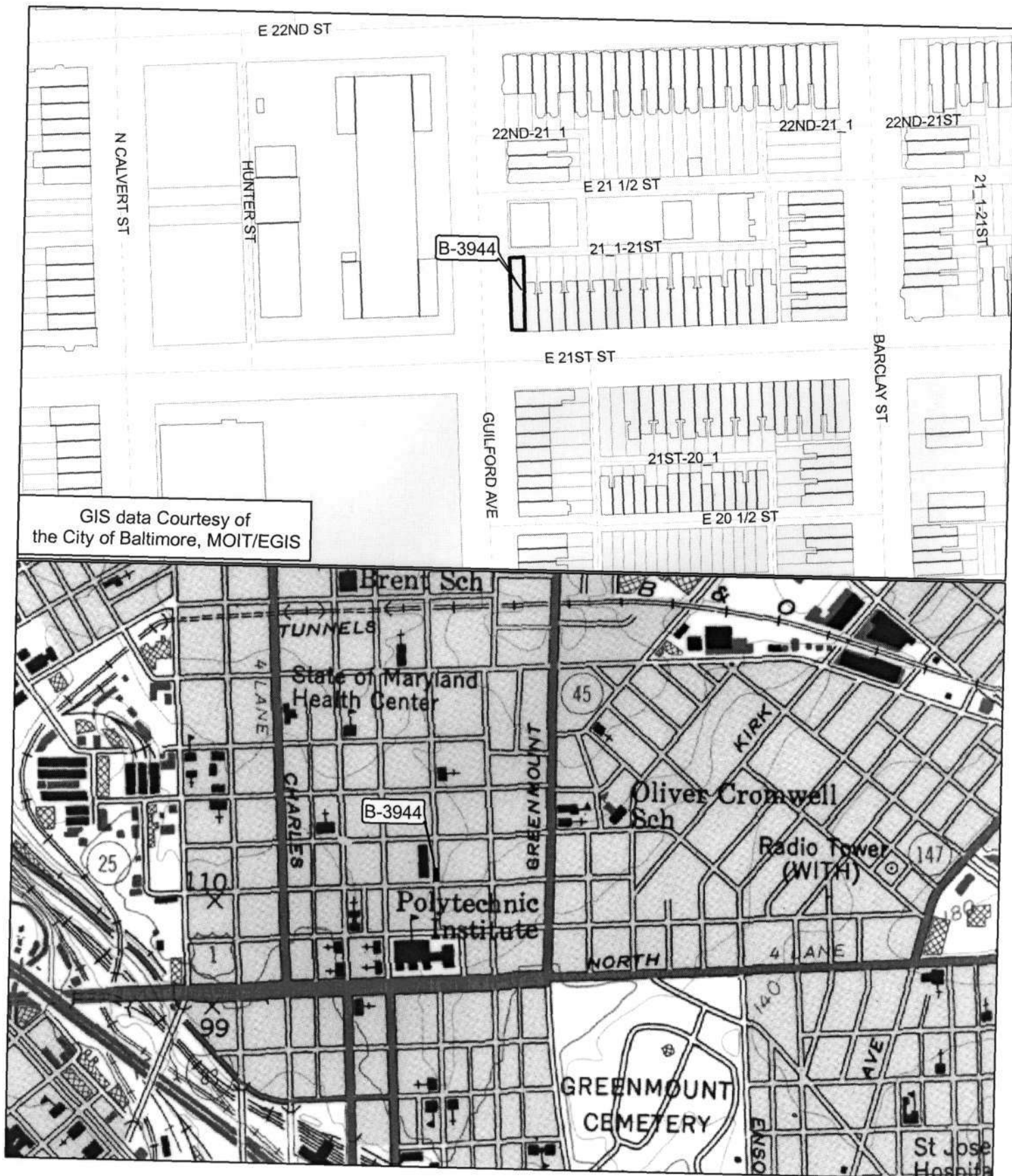
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EXHIBIT

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300 E. 21st Street
Block 3813 Lot 064
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

Demolished





300 East 21st Street B-3944
Baltimore, Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: December 1986
Neg. loc.: Md. Historical Trust
Southwest corner view